

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10 February 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 1-23** are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, a field effect transistor having a gate terminal coupled to said biased input, a source terminal coupled to ground potential, and a drain terminal coupled to an inhibiting input of said amplifier; and said drain terminal of said field effect transistor coupled to a source of voltage for bias thereof, such that when a signal is present on said input said field effect transistor turns OFF, which enables said tri-state amplifier so that said signal is passed through to said output bus.

Regarding claim 8, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, a field effect transistor having a gate terminal coupled to said biased input, a source terminal coupled to ground potential, and a drain terminal coupled to an inhibiting input of said amplifier; and said drain terminal of said field effect transistor coupled to a source of voltage for bias thereof, such that when a signal is present on said input said field effect transistor turns OFF, which enables said tri-state amplifier so that said signal is passed through to said output bus.

Regarding claim 14, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, a field effect transistor having a gate terminal coupled to said biased input, a source terminal coupled to ground potential, and a drain terminal coupled to an inhibiting input of said amplifier; and said drain terminal of said field effect transistor coupled to a source of voltage for bias thereof, such that when a signal is present on said input said field effect transistor turns OFF, which enables said tri-state amplifier so that said signal is passed through to said output bus.

Regarding claim 19, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, coupling a gate terminal of a field effect transistor to said biased input, coupling a source terminal thereof to ground potential, and coupling a drain terminal to an inhibiting input of said amplifier; coupling said drain terminal of said field effect transistor to a source of voltage for bias thereof; providing a signal on said input, which turns off said field effect transistor thereby enabling said tri-state amplifier so that said signal is passed through to said output bus.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

De Langen, US 2006/0012411 A1. In fig. 5 teaches a driver amplifier to direct signals to a bus.

Whittaker et al., US Patent 5,418,935. See figs. 1 and 4 for structure related to a tri-state bus driver.

Whittaker et al., US Patent 5,086,427. See figs. 2, 5 and 8 for structure related to a tri-state bus driver.

Scott et al., US 2004/0228475 A1. In figs 6A and 6B teaches a general structure of a general structure related to an active diode bridge circuit using a tri-state amplifier providing an isolation barrier.

Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nelson D. Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7311. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on (571) 272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lin Ye', with a stylized, flowing script.

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